

REMARKS

Applicant added claim 32 to provoke an interference with U.S. Patent Application No. 10/213,864 to Zdeblick et al. under 37 C.F.R. § 604. Claim 32 is supported by the specification at least on page 28, line 3 to page 30, line 2 and Figs. 2-4.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1068.

Respectfully submitted,

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